

2005 Conference Presenters and Moderators Biographies

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Keith has been with the American Red Cross for more than 16 years after volunteering with the organization for more than 10 years. He formerly served in the United States Coast Guard and worked as an Emergency Medical Technician. He has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Louisville.

Darrell Aniton, *Director, Louisville Metro Office of Youth Development*, 2743 Virginia Ave., Louisville, KY 40211, 574-2685, Darrell.Aniton@louisvilleky.gov

Darrell has served the city for 12 years in raising community awareness of youth issues, creating new youth programs and assisting community-based organizations to grow and meet the challenging needs of young people. Darrell serves on several boards and advisory committees throughout the city, and has received numerous awards. He is a community leader and a strong advocate of young people.

Dr. C. Anneta Arno, *Executive Director, Community Resource Network (CRN)*
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Anneta is an Urban and Strategic Planner who previously worked at the University of Louisville, Greater Louisville Inc. and TARC's T2 Light Rail Project. CRN is a consortium of non-profit organizations, government agencies and neighborhood organizations whose mission is to share accurate, timely, relevant and accessible information for improving Louisville's neighborhoods and community. They also are the local partner to the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Making Connections Louisville Initiative.

Omar Ayyash, *Executive Director, Louisville Metro Office for International Affairs*
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Omar was appointed to his current position by Mayor Jerry Abramson in 2003. A native of Amman, Jordan, and educated in Vienna, Austria, he is fluent in Arabic and proficient in German. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky and master's degree in business administration from the University of Louisville. He was named to *Business First's* "40 Under 40" future community leaders in 2001. He, his wife Lana and their daughter live in Crescent Hill.

Ken Baker, *Neighborhoods and Long-Range Planning Supervisor, Louisville Metro Planning and Design Services*, 444 S. 5th St., #300, Louisville, KY 40202, 574-5822, Kendal.Baker@louisvilleky.gov

Ken is a certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners and has been a staff member with Planning and Design Services for more than 13 years. He was a planner for Cornerstone 2020 Comprehensive Plan, team leader for the Board of Zoning Adjustment and a subdivision planning coordinator. He currently represents Planning and Design Services on the Bardstown Road Overlay Committee. He has a master's degree in sociology from the University of Louisville.

Melissa Barry, *Director, Louisville Metro Housing and Community Development* 745 W. Main St., Louisville, KY 40202, 574-3107, Melissa.barry@louisvilleky.gov

In her role as director, Melissa is responsible for the development of comprehensive housing strategies for Louisville Metro government. She is involved in initiatives such as new construction, infill development, rehabilitation, investor projects, lead-safe programs and not-for-profit development partnerships. She is a graduate of the University of Evansville and the University of Louisville.

Patricia Bell, *President, Smoketown Neighborhood Association*, BellPAB3@aol.com

In addition to her neighborhood association activities, Patricia is also Resident Organizing Coordinator for the Center for Neighborhoods and Market Manager for the Smoketown/Shelby Park Farmers' Market.

Holly Belter-Chesser, *Co-Owner, Jeffersontown and Okolona/Fern Creek News Leader, Prospect News and Southwest Reporter Newspapers*, P.O. Box 72951, Louisville, KY 40272, 553-5424, holly@louisvillesun.com

A native of Minnesota, Holly has lived in Louisville for five years. She is a Certified Public Accountant and is involved with marketing, operations and editing of the newspapers. She believes Louisville residents have strong connections to their communities, and community news is an important piece of the fabric of those communities.

Deborah Bilitski, *Assistant Attorney, Jefferson County Attorney's Office*, 531 Court Pl., Louisville, KY 40202, 574-6248, Deborah.Bilitski@louisvilleky.gov

Deborah serves as legal counsel to the Louisville Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment and the Jefferson County Environment Trust. She advises and represents Metro Government on land-use and zoning matters. She also advises the staff of Louisville Planning and Design Services in drafting, interpretation, administration and enforcement of zoning and subdivision regulations. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Louisville with bar admissions in Kentucky and Florida.

Rick Blackwell, *Councilman District 12, Louisville Metro Council*, 601 W. Jefferson St. Louisville, KY 40202, 574-1112, Rick.Blackwell@louisvilleky.gov

Rick has been a teacher at Mercy Academy for more than 20 years, and a strong advocate of youth initiatives during his terms on the Metro Council. He is an active volunteer with the Special Olympics and has worked to secure funds and a location for the Southwest Sports Complex. He launched Blackwell's Bookworms Book Club for area children. He represents the areas south of Shively and the old city of Louisville, as well as the northern portion of Pleasure Ridge Park.

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Lisa is a former anchor and reporter for WHAS-TV and has more than a decade of experience in television news. She received her Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Iowa College of Law and a bachelor's degree in journalism and English from the University of Iowa. She serves on the board of the Kentucky chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators and the Communication Committee for the Louisville Bar Association.

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A native of Louisville, Joe served with the U.S. Army and the National Guard. He is an officer with the Kentucky American Legion. Joe is married and has four children. He joined the *Louisville Sun* organization earlier this year as the advertising representative for the *Southwest Reporter* and has expanded his area to include the *News Leader's* Okolona area.

Andrea Brown, *Division Resource Officer, Fourth Division, Louisville Metro Police Department*, 1340 S. 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208, 574-7010, Andreabrown@lmpd.louisvilleky.gov

Andrea has been with the police department for 10 years, both as a civilian employee and as an officer. She has extensive training in crime prevention and community policing, and is a member of the Crisis Negotiation team. She also mentors school-age girls. "I love people and that's the whole motivation behind what I do."

Kim Childress, *President, Oakdale Neighborhood Association*, 1015 Berry Blvd., Louisville, KY 40215, Oakdale@insightbb.com

Kim has been a resident of Oakdale most of her life. She has successfully tracked down absentee landlords and monitored property violations. She participates in the Neighborhood Roundtable that facilitates a positive relationship between neighborhood leaders and Louisville Metro's Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses.

Geneva Clarkson, *St. John Garden Block Watch, St. John Garden Apartments*, 706 E. Muhammad Ali Blvd., Apt. 2F, Louisville, KY 40204

Geneva has lived at the St. John Garden Apartments in Phoenix Hill for five years and is a Block Watch co-captain. She is an active member of Cable Baptist Church where she regularly serves as a greeter and volunteers with children.

Aron Conaway, *Graduate Student, University of Louisville*, 941 Shelby Pkwy., #1, Louisville, KY 40204, 758-8338, Aronconaway@hotmail.com

Aron is a mixed-media artist who is working on a graduate degree at the University of Louisville. Aron founded an artists' collective warehouse studio space and living space in the Shelby Park neighborhood. Conaway hopes to focus his curatorial career on projects that transcend museum walls and bring works and exhibits directly to the public by utilizing public spaces. He hopes to ignite community dialogue on pressing issues through innovative curatorial methods.

Dawn Davis, *Family Services Coordinator, New Directions Housing Corporation*, 100 E. Liberty St., Louisville, KY 40204, 589-2272, ext. 3020, DawnD@ndhc.org

Dawn has worked as a service coordinator for five years and has managed New Directions' three youth Learning Centers, which provide after-school programs for children. She also works with participants' families in the Service Coordination program. She supervises New Directions' Adult Learning Centers, which connect residents to community resources. She is on the board of directors for the Kentucky Association of Service Coordinators.

Robert Duke, *Division Resource Officer, Seventh Division, Louisville Metro Police Department*, 7201 Outer Loop, Louisville, KY 40218, 574-2133, Robert.duke@lmpd.louisvilleky.gov

Robert joined the police department 21 years ago and has been a Division Resource Officer for six years. His division covers Highview, Okolona, Fern Creek, Glenmary, Jeffersontown, Mt. Washington, McNeely Lake and Whispering Hills. He is a member of the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition and the National Crime Prevention Coalition. His goal is to increase the police department's ability to make the community crime-free through a stronger partnership between residents and the police department.

Stan Esterle, *Executive Director, Highlands Community Ministries*, 1140 Cherokee Rd., Louisville, KY 40204, 451-3695, Hcmexecu@hotmail.com

Stan has been the Executive Director of Highlands Community Ministries, Inc. since 1970. He has a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Meinrad College. and has a master's degree in social work from the University of Louisville. He is a member of several organizations, such as Highlands Court, Inc., Highlands Connection, Association of Community Ministries and Louisville Coalition of Neighborhoods. He has also held offices in many other not-for-profit organizations within the Highlands and throughout Metro Louisville.

Dr. Ralph Fitzpatrick, *Associate Vice President for External Affairs, University of Louisville*, 102 Grawemeyer Hall, Louisville, KY 40292, 852-3163, r0fitz01@gwise.louisville.edu

Ralph has been at the University of Louisville for more than 30 years. He serves as associate vice president for External Affairs, where he works closely with the president and other senior university officials in coordinating and advancing the university's strategic planning initiatives. This includes the creation of partnerships between the university and the Louisville community. Dr. Fitzpatrick has two undergraduate degrees and a master's degree from the University of Louisville. His doctorate in higher education management is from the University of Pennsylvania.

John Fleming, *President, The Louisville Community Initiative*, 200 W. Broadway, Suite 512, Louisville, KY 40202, 581-9620

John spearheaded the development of a Dollar General Learning Center in a low-income neighborhood that placed 78 participants in permanent employment and generated \$1,500,000 in sales in its first year of operation. He raised over \$2 million in contributions and contracts, placed more than 700 youth in career-path work opportunities, saved five employer/clients over \$400,000 in turnover cost, and created seven business community consortia that established over 200 entry-level positions for youth.

John Flood, *Executive Administrator-Chief Code Enforcement Officer, Louisville Metro Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses (IPL)*, Urban Government Center, 810 Barret Ave., Rm. 633, Louisville, KY 40204, 574-3365, John.Flood@louisvilleky.gov

John oversees the enforcement activities of 42 inspectors assigned to geographical districts. His staff conducts over 100,000 inspections annually. He has 20 years of experience working in local government to address neighborhood development. Before entering public service he served as president of the Fairdale Community Club, chair of the Okolona Fire District, vice-president of the Treasure Island Neighborhood Association, president of the Okolona Community Council, and several other neighborhood-based organizations.

Judy Francis, *President/CEO, Louisville East – Middletown Chamber of Commerce*, 12556 Shelbyville Rd., Louisville, KY 40243, 244-8086, Judy@middletownchamber.com

Judy is chairman of the Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Board of Zoning Adjustment, a member of the Shelbyville Road Corridor Task Force and is on the board of directors and committee chairman of the Co-Alliance of Business Organizations. She is the producer and director of the Middletown Milestone Festival, on the Board of Directors of the Kentucky Festival and Events Association and is the past producer and director of the Trinity High School Celebration Benefit. She also has more than 25 years of event planning and community service.

Meghann Frederick, *President, Breckenridge Estates Neighborhood Association*, St. Paul United Methodist Church (MOPS), 2000 Douglas Blvd., 499-1648, Meghann.Frederick@hotmail.com

Meghann is one of the founders of her neighborhood association. She also coordinates Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) under direction of the St. Paul United Methodist Church. MOPS groups are in more than 34 countries. Her involvement in this and other organizations has equipped her with leadership skills in public speaking, coordinating committees and taking an active role in her neighborhood. She and her association have been instrumental in working with companies to negotiate lighting and trash collection, among other activities.

Sue Fridenstine, *President, Phoenix Hill Neighborhood Association*, 938 E. Liberty St., Louisville, KY 40204, 568-1470, lyleluv@aol.com

Sue is a 12-year resident of the Phoenix Hill neighborhood and a block watch member. She previously worked as a neighborhood organizer with Making Connections Louisville and participates in the Neighborhood Roundtable.

Mary Garry, *President, Belknap Neighborhood Association*, 2400 Saratoga Dr., Louisville, KY 40205, 459-6455, Garrymary@cs.com

Mary is a former chair of the Louisville Coalition of Neighborhoods (LCON), and is president and historian for the Belknap Neighborhood Association. She was an original taskforce member of her neighborhood plan, which is in the process of being included in Cornerstone 2020. Mary and her husband, Patrick, have two children.

Bill Gatewood, *Principal Consultant, Bill Gatewood Associates*, Presbyterian Community Center, 701 S. Hancock St., Louisville, KY 40203, 368-3989

Bill manages the Metro Housing Resource Center, Inc. As a consultant, he provides real estate services, neighborhood planning and organizational development services to not-for-profit organizations, foundations, government agencies and private developers. He served as development director and assistant to the Mayor from 1973 to 1984 before becoming executive property manager for the Kaden Company. He is a graduate of Leadership Louisville, and was a founding member of the YMCA's Black Achievers Program. He holds bachelor's degree and master's degree in business administration from the University of Louisville.

Robbie Gibson, *President, Preston Area Business Association*, 3319 Preston Hwy., Louisville, KY 40213, 367-6172, Robbie@belmarflowershop.com

Robbie has been with the Belmar Flower Shop, a family business on Preston Highway for 20 years. He got involved with neighborhood associations with the St. Joseph's Eastern Parkway Business Association. When that association dissolved, he became active in the Preston Area Business Association (PABA) and the Belmar Neighborhood Association. He also is part of the Preston Corridor Task Force, which is involved in cleaning up and improving Preston Highway from Hess to Phillips lanes.

Marilyn Givan, *MetroCall Director, Department of Neighborhoods*, 400 S. 1st St., Louisville, KY 40202, 574-4348, Marilyn.Givan@louisvilleky.gov

Marilyn began her career with Louisville government in 1989 as one of the original CityCALL service representatives. After being promoted to supervisor in 1990, she worked in that capacity until 2001 when she became acting director and then director of MetroCall in 2003. Ms. Givan and her staff have given presentations on MetroCall to many neighborhood associations.

Dan Hall, *Vice President for External Affairs, University of Louisville*, Louisville, KY 40292, 852-6026, D0Hall01@louisville.edu

Dan oversees university/community partnerships and the university's interface with the Louisville community. He is a graduate of Central High School. Mr. Hall has a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Harvard University School of Law. He is married and has three adult children.

Doug Hamilton, *Director, Louisville Metro Emergency Management/MetroSafe*, 601 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY 40202, 574-3900, Doug.Hamilton@louisvilleky.gov

Doug is responsible for preparedness, response and coordination of natural or caused disasters, which include severe weather, hazardous materials and homeland security issues. MetroSafe will combine all public safety, public service voice and data communications and 911 operations into a single facility. He is former director of the Office of Accountability where he was responsible for performance management and measurement, was a U.S. marshal and retired from the Louisville Division of Police after serving 8 ½ years as chief.

John Hamm, *President, Chestnut Glen Homeowner's Association*, 113 Chestnut Glen Dr., Louisville, KY 40245, 582-6163, ext. 298, john_b.hamm@hud.gov

John serves as president of the Chestnut Glen Homeowner's Association. A resident of the Louisville Metro area for three years, he works for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and is a Kentucky Certified General Real Property Appraiser. He has a bachelor's degree in general studies from Western Kentucky University.

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Marcy has worked for Louisville/Jefferson County government for 14 years and has been with the Louisville Metro Emergency Management Agency since 2003. She is responsible for maintaining the Louisville Metro's Emergency Operations Plan. She has served as an administrator with the former Louisville Department of Public Safety and as the public information officer for the Jefferson County Corrections Department. She has bachelor's degree in education from Spalding University.

Jay Helms, *Manager, 1400 Willow Council, 1400 Willow Ave., Louisville, KY 40204, 451-4450, jhelms@1400willow.com*

Jay has been general manager of the 1400 Willow Council since 1996. His strong sense of community engagement is reflected in his active involvement in numerous youth and faith-based activities, and past experience in teaching adult vocational education courses. A Louisville native, he has lived in the Middletown and Highlands neighborhoods and is married with two children and one grandchild.

Annie Henning, *Belmar Neighborhood Association, wheelinkentuckydiva@yahoo.com*

Annie has been a resident of the Belmar Neighborhood for 20 years. When not volunteering with the neighborhood association, you will often find her lending a wheel to the Cerebral Palsy KIDS Center. She enjoys watching and participating in all types of sports, and is on the Louisville Adaptive Rowing Club.

Cathy Hinko, *Executive Director, Metro Housing Coalition, P.O. Box 4533, Louisville, KY 40204, 584-6858, Cathy@metropolitanhousing.org*

A long-time affordable housing advocate, Cathy joined MHC's staff in 2004 as the director of the newly formed not-for-profit Housing Alliance. She became MHC's executive director in June. A graduate of Vanderbilt University Law School, she practiced with Legal Services offices in Tennessee and Louisville, focusing on housing law. She ran the Section 8 programs for the Housing Authority of Jefferson County and became Executive Director in 1998. With merger, she became Director of Strategic Planning for the new Louisville Metro Housing Authority.

Richard Hornung, *Attorney, Hebel and Hornung, PSC, 6511 Glenridge Park Pl., #1, Louisville, KY 40222, rich@hebelhornung.com*

Richard has been an attorney with Hebel and Hornung, for 21 years and is also a primary shareholder. His legal expertise is in general civil practice with emphasis in commercial and residential real estate transactions, tax-deferred exchanges, contracts and leases, civil litigation, business formations, and homeowner and condominium association representation.

Jennifer Hubbard, *Director, Neighborhood Institute, Center for Neighborhoods, 610 S. 4th St., Suite 701, Louisville, KY 40202, 589-0343, Neighborhoodinstitute@centerforneighborhoods.org*

A theater professional, Jennifer has traveled nationally and internationally as producer, director, creative consultant and educator. She serves on the board of the Clifton Community Council, and chairs its Neighbor-to-Neighbor committee. She combines her love of good storytelling and community by conducting oral history interviews with senior members of her neighborhood.

Donna Ising, President, Bashford Manor Area Association, 3504 Huon Dr., Louisville, KY 40218, 451-6354

Donna has lived in the Bashford Manor area since 1973 and has worked on development issues, including the closing of Bashford Manor Mall and the addition of new retail stores at that site. Her neighborhood activism includes serving as Block Watch captain, the Citizens Police Academy and Community Emergency Response Team training. She is the recipient of numerous awards for her volunteer work, including the Mayor's Good Neighbor Award, Mayor's Block Watch Council "Citizen Award" three times and the "Green Ribbon" award from Operation Brightside.

Kirt Jacobs, *Economic Development Officer, Metro Development Authority*, 444 S. 5th St., Louisville, KY 40202, 574-1292, Kirt.Jacobs@louisvilleky.gov

Kirt works with the Corridors of Opportunity in Louisville (COOL) program. His mission is to build bridges between developers, landowners, commercial real estate agents, land-use attorneys, lenders and retail businesses, residents and others, within his assigned area of northeast Jefferson County. He works in a variety of ways to achieve this mission, from identifying potential sites for new retail to facilitating the redevelopment process of older retail centers by establishing solid relationships with all the parties involved in a development.

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Janet has been affiliated with Just Solutions since 1992. She received mediation training locally from the Council on Peacemaking and Just Solutions, and nationally with CDR Associates in Boulder, Col., the Institute for the Study of Conflict Transformation, and the Institute for ADA Mediation. Since 1992, she has worked with mediation and conflict management services and training, facilitation services, and organizational development. Just Solutions mediates and facilitates public and private conflicts, including those involving neighborhoods and development issues.

Hallie Jones, *Graduate Student, University of Louisville*, 941 Shelby Pkwy., #1, Louisville, KY 40204, 641-4413, Halliedj@hotmail.com

Hallie is a conceptual, mixed-media artist working on a graduate degree from the University of Louisville in Political Science with a primary focus on urban planning. She works at the Center for Neighborhoods on community and neighborhood planning projects. She brings an artistic perspective to community design and planning discussions, advocating for the arts to play a more integral role in public life.

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With Legal Aid for 17 years, Lisa now works with the Community Development Program, providing legal advice and counsel to not-for-profit organizations, including service providers, neighborhood associations and organizations serving low-income persons. Her expertise includes drafting organizational documents, obtaining tax exemptions and assisting with regulatory and general corporate matters. She has a bachelor's degree and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from the University of Louisville. She is a member of the Kentucky and Louisville Bar associations.

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Cynthia directs Brightside, a public/private partnership dedicated to keeping Louisville clean, green and environmentally aware. Her desire to make a positive impact on the city has her spending much of her time working on innovative ways to keep our community clean and free of litter.

Kevin Kramer, *Councilman District 11, Louisville Metro Council*, 601 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, KY, 40202 574-1111, Kevin.Kramer@louisvilleky.gov

Kevin was elected to the first Louisville Metro Council in 2002. He represents the suburban cities of Houston Acres and Jeffersontown, along with the neighborhoods of Buechel, Klondike, Avondale-Melbourne Heights, Bon Air, Hikes Point and McMahan. He teaches at Mercy Academy and has a bachelor's degree in history from Bellarmine University and a master's degree in education from the University of Louisville. He is involved with the National League of Cities and the Kentucky League of Cities.

Gwen Lauer, *Neighborhood Development Specialist, New Directions Housing Corporation*, 1000 E. Liberty St., Louisville, KY 40204, 589-2272, ext. 3003, GwenL@ndhc.org

Gwen works in the Neighborhood Initiatives program, providing support to neighborhood associations as they work to strengthen their organizations. In addition, she works with residents in New Directions' apartments to establish block watches. She has a bachelor's degree in math from Indiana University and a master's degree in social work from Washington University.

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Nelson is one of the founding members of the two-year-old Redbud Neighborhood Association and is a graduate of the Neighborhood Institute. He is an adjunct professor at Indiana University Southeast in the continuing studies department and has a master's degree in social work and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Louisville. He has worked with developers to understand the vision and character of his neighborhood.

Gail Linville, *President, St. Joseph's Area Association*, 526 Atwood St., Louisville, KY 40217, 637-3159, StJosAA@hotmail.com

Gail's family history in the St. Joseph area dates to 1914. She has been on the association's board of directors for several years and is now president. She has attended many meetings and seminars, Neighborhood Institute and Planning College. She is retired from Louisville's Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses.

Terra Long, *Division Resource Officer, Fourth Division, Louisville Metro Police Department*, 1340 S. 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208, 574-7010, Terra.long@lmpd.louisvilleky.gov

Terra has more than 18 years of service in the Louisville Metro Police Department, working in three different districts, Street Crimes Unit and the Domestic Violence Unit. She is a certified Field Training Officer and has been a member of the honor guard. She received the prestigious 2002 Officer of the Year Award from the distinguished Blue Coats Society, and has received similar awards from neighborhood groups. She has received more than 40 letters of appreciation and commendations.

Rev. Ron Loughry, *Executive Director, Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries* 7502 Tangelo Dr., Louisville, KY 40228, 239-7407

Ron, a native of Baltimore, has bachelor's degree and master's degrees from Austin Peay University. He also has a master's degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He serves as co-captain of his neighborhood Block Watch. He is a member of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ and serves as adjunct faculty at the Jefferson Community College history department. As director of the Fern Creek/Highview Ministries, his focus is on the elderly and individuals and families challenged with social and economic problems.

Liz Dumbaugh Martin, *President, Belmar Neighborhood Association*, P.O. Box 17433, Louisville, KY 40217, 380-1967, Liz.dumbaughmartin@louisville.edu

Liz works with neighbors, businesses, city officials and state legislators to protect, improve and preserve residential surroundings in her neighborhood. She is the director of the University Training Consortium at the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work where she is a liaison between the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children and the University of Louisville. Prior to her work with the university, she was the founder and first Executive Director of Kentucky Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Inc. in Frankfort.

Norma Mason-Stikes, *Christ the King Catholic Church*, 724 S. 44th St., Louisville, KY 40211, Normabill2@juno.com

Norma has been a registered nurse in Louisville for 53 years. Her practice areas include mental health, community health, geriatric care and senior services. She volunteers about 15 hours a week as a community speaker to senior residents and provides Outreach Health and Medication Education to community groups for West Louisville Community Ministries. She has several community awards such as a Bell Award, awards of excellence and commissions from several governors.

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Michael has been with the Center for Neighborhoods since 2002. He also is an adjunct professor at the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky. He is the principal owner of J. Michael McCoy Landscape Architecture. Michael is currently working with the Neighborhood Assessment Project through the Louisville Metro Department of Neighborhoods. He also worked with Metro Development Authority on the Park Hill Corridor Revitalization Project Report and the Norton Commons Village Plan.

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John's responsibilities at Metro United Way include providing staff leadership to volunteer committees, such as Civic Involvement and Vital Neighborhoods, facilitating training sessions on measuring program outcomes and helping guide special projects. Prior to joining Metro United Way, he worked in the healthcare field as a social worker. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bellarmine University and a master's degree in counseling from the University of Louisville.

Mary Lou Northern, *Cabinet Secretary, Neighborhoods, Parks and Cultural Affairs*
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Mary Lou was appointed Cabinet Secretary by Mayor Abramson in 2003. Prior to that she was chairman of TARC's Board of Directors and has served on the Downtown Development Corporation, Metro Merger Task Force, Cornerstone 2020, Beechmont Neighborhood Association, Watterson Widening Task Force, Southern Parkway Restoration, Olmsted Conservancy, Parkway Standards Advisory Committee, Iroquois Amphitheater Association, Library Authors Dinner Chairman and the Fund for the Arts Community Arts Council. She co-authored two books and has written articles for more than a dozen publications.

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Tom is a full professor at the University of Louisville, and has been a history instructor, archivist and community relations associate at U of L since 1975. He is a local historian and is a frequent contributor to radio and television features. He conducts tours of local sights and is a speaker on state and local history. He is also an elder at Highland Presbyterian Church and serves on the Metro Council's seat on the Landmarks Commission.

Chris Poynter, *Reporter, The Courier-Journal*, 525 W. Broadway, Louisville, KY 40202, 582-4475, cpoynter@courier-journal.com

As the newspaper's development, transportation and demographics reporter, Chris covers urban affairs. A native of Paris, Ky., he previously worked for newspapers in Tennessee, Florida, and Shanghai, China. He is a resident of Butchertown, where he built a new home on what was formerly a vacant lot.

Jack Ruf, *Plan Review Coordinator, Louisville Metro Department of Inspections, Permits and Licenses (IPL)*, 444 S. 5th St., Suite 200, Louisville, KY 40202, 574-3321, Jack.Ruf@louisvilleky.gov

Jack has served our community for 28 years, all but the last two with Planning and Design Services. He has extensive experience with the Board of Zoning Adjustment and has reviewed cases that appear before the Planning Commission. He previously served as acting director for the Jefferson County Building Department and Planning and Design and has been involved in the Binding Element enforcement process since its inception.

Lisa Santos, *President, Irish Hill Neighborhood Association*, 587-1047 irishhill@techmail.com

Lisa is a 15-year resident of Irish Hill who became involved in neighborhood beautification projects as a way to give back to her community. As a result of her work and Irish Hill's beautification projects, neighbors have found a way to meet one another and show pride in their community. A hobby gardener, she relies on expertise from her family and Metro Parks for her projects. When she is not dirty from the garden, she is an engineer with Vitok Engineers.

Judy Schroeder, *Director of Training and Education, Center for Nonprofit Excellence; President, Portland NOW, Inc.*, 2711 W. Main St., Louisville, KY 40212 315-2673, jschroeder@cnpe.org

Judy joined CNPE after extensive experience in program design, development and training with not-for-profit organizations. CNPE helps not-for-profit agencies develop better business practices, including higher achievement in leadership and programs by respecting diversity. She is a mediator and human rights activist who volunteers with community-based organizations, such as Portland NOW, Inc., and the Louisville Chapter of the National Coalition Building Institute.

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Jason previously was vice president of his neighborhood council. He grew up in the former Highland Park area and has lived in Crescent Hill for 10 years. Jason attended the University of Louisville and works with a local automotive supplier. His background with area organizations have given him the opportunity to see the benefits of working in an organization with a strong committee structure. His neighborhood council has always had strong committees and been a formidable force in instituting neighborhood events and projects within their area.

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Janene's work experience has taken her to the National Coalition-Building Institute and Jefferson County Public Schools. The Peace Education Program is a training organization, focusing on young people in Louisville, as well as throughout Kentucky and Indiana. She has received the Youth Service Worker Award from the former city of Louisville and is a member of the board of directors of the Lincoln Foundation. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville.

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Stan's duties include overseeing programs that distribute more than 10 million pounds of food to over 100,000 people using a network of nearly 400 nonprofit agencies. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville and a graduate degree from Indiana University. He has been a guest lecturer at the University of Louisville and taught not-for-profit leadership classes at Bellarmine University. He was a founding board member of the Center for Nonprofit Excellence. He also is a graduate of Leadership Louisville's Leadership Network program.

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Prior to his current position, Allan was an Alderman for the city of Louisville from 1979-1983, and retired as a counselor/professor from Jefferson Community College after 30 years. Allan is a co-founder of the Louisville Historical League, which began in 1972.

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Meg has been a volunteer with the Brick House for two years and has dedicated a lot of time and effort to see the project succeed. Meg, a cook at Lynn's Paradise Café, has been instrumental with the day-to-day operation of the Brick House and helps run the Free Wheel Bike Project.

Steve Thompson, *Belmar Block Watch Captain, Camp Taylor Neighborhood Association*, 1632 Belmar Dr., Louisville, KY 40213, 459-7374

Steve has lived in the Camp Taylor area all his life and is one of the founders of the three-year-old Camp Taylor/BelMar Block Watch Association. Steve has worked with other area organizations, such as Metro Police and other neighborhood associations. He is very passionate about neighborhood relations and communication. He is currently participating in the founding of the upcoming Camp Taylor Neighborhood Association. Steve strives to be an asset to his community.

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Jack has been director of Center for Neighborhoods (formerly Community Design Center), a nonprofit neighborhood planning, leadership, education and development organization, for more than 25 years. A native of Louisville, he lives in the Highlands and is a member of the board of Wellspring and the Blackacre Foundation. He is a graduate of Kenyon College and holds an MBA from Bellarmine University. He and his wife, Patricia Clare, have two daughters.

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Sara has been a volunteer with the Brick House for two years and has dedicated a lot of time and effort to see the project succeed. A student at the University of Louisville, she has been helping the radio station get on the air since it was awarded an FCC license in April.

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Jane is an independent consultant providing policy analysis, program development, writing and fund development services. She previously served as executive director of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition where she instituted the annual housing report card. While working at The Center for Women and Families, she founded one of Kentucky's first Individual Development Account programs to help working families build assets and save toward homeownership. She is an active member of several citizen advocacy groups and the Deer Park Neighborhood Association.

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Elected to serve on the first Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council in 2002, Tina has a master's degree in social work from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her civic and neighborhood involvement includes the Crescent Hill Community Council, Fairness Campaign, Frankfort Avenue Business Association, League of Women Voters, National Organization for Women, Friends of the Crescent Hill Library, Peterson-Dumesnil House Foundation and Louisville Tenants Association.

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Cora has lived in Park DuValle for 43 years and has been captain of her street's Block Watch for 12 years. She is president of Colonial Homes and treasurer of the Park DuValle Association. She loves people and helping them have better lives.

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Bettie is very active in leadership capacities for numerous not-for-profit organizations, such as the Kentucky Medicaid Advisory Council, KEA-Retired, Kentucky Education Association Government Relations Committee, KIPDA Aging Advisory Council and ElderServe Inc. She has also been a leader within the U of L Alumni Association and Jefferson County Teachers Association.

Joel Whitehurst, *Board Member, Petersburg Estates Homeowners Association*
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A member since 1989, Joel served as president of his homeowners association for eight years and as a board member for the past seven years. He has a long-standing commitment to community involvement as a past member of the Newburg Council, NAACP, Louisville/Jefferson County Human Relations Commission, and is a member of the Greater Salem Baptist Church. A semi-retired insurance agent, he has lived in the Newburg area for more than 20 years. He is married and has three daughters and 11 grandchildren.

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A native of Louisville, Jeneen started gardening as a child. Her professional career in gardening did not begin until her father, Fred Wiche, died in 1998. After his death she began writing his syndicated garden column. Today she writes a weekly column that is published in about 20 community newspapers across Kentucky and Southern Indiana.

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Mike is a lifelong resident of the St. Joseph Area and lives down the street from the house where he grew up. He serves as the vice-president of the St. Joseph's Area Association. He is also a member of the Community Noise Forum, Airport Neighbors' Alliance, Citizen's Advisory Board in LMPD's 6th Division, LCON, Sierra Club and Louisville Historical League. His daily runs and walks around the neighborhood are always opportunities to monitor the pulse of his community, pick up litter and collect illegal signs.